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Upper Wickwire

c. 1868

Upper Wickwire is the adjacent farm that was once associated with Lower Wickwire (CE - 30). The mid 19th century Italianate structure is the most elaborate of the three Italianate style houses on Pond Neck Road. Cecil County Tax Assessments date the construction of this house to 1868 and by a John H. Hessey, whose family came to Cecil County from Ohio around 1824. (Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 185

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Upper Wickwire

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pond Neck Road

CITY, TOWN

Earleville

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Joseph C. DiFrancesco

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

18 Chamond Arbordeall

CITY, TOWN

Bevon

VICINITY OF

Pa.

STATE, zip code
19333**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

B B Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 97

Folio #: 1

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Upper Wickwire c. 1868 is the most elaborate Italianate frame on Pond Neck Road. The house gable running in a northwest/southeast direction.

The 2 story 5 bay by 1 room frame structure has a large 2 story 4 bay by 1 room kitchen wing that forms an ell with the main block. The entire house rests on a fieldstone foundation and is totally covered with narrow weatherboarding. The hip roof is typically shallow and covered with tin. A heavy bracketed cornice stretches around both the main block and rear wing and is supported on each corner by simple pilasters.

The north (main) facade is typically symmetrical with a central entrance and corresponding 6/6 sash with flanking shutters. Paneled shutters are on the first floor and louvered on the second. The window and door lintels are molded. The central entrance has the expected 3 light transom and sidelights. The 4 panel door has arched top panels.

The ends of the house have two 6/6 sash on each floor with identical trim. They flank the interior brick stacks. On the west side, the southern second floor window is a double sash. Attached to the west end of the house is a three bay side porch with flat roof, square posts, and balustrade. The cornice has small decorative brackets. The porch is supported by brick piers and covered with diagonal lattice work.

The east side of the kitchen wing has a full length porch with square supportive posts and elaborately scrolled brackets. A side entrance with sidelights and transom is found in the northern most bay. Four 6/6 sash are found across the second floor. A central chimney does rise out of the wing to heat the kitchen and dining room. Access is gained to the kitchen through the southern most ~~door~~ opening. A 2 story shed roof addition was attached to the gable end.

The interior has remained intact with most of the significant mid 19th century details. A heavily turned newel supports the oval handrail. Mantels, doors and other woodwork follows along typical patterns for Italianate structures.

A number of mid 19th century barn buildings are found down a long lane south of the main house. They include two gambrel roof barns, a granary, block dairy, etc. What appears to be a early 20th century frame house is also located amongst the structures.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Upper Wickwire is the adjacent farm once associated with Lower Wickwire (CE-30). The mid 19th century Italianate structure is the most elaborate of the three Italianate structures on Pond Neck Road. It is obvious more money and time was spent on the construction of this house. The owner in 1877 was a John H. Hessey whose family supposedly came to Cecil County from Ohio around 1824. Tax Assessments date the construction to about 1868 and valued at that time for \$3000. The structure is presently in excellent shape and a fine example of Italianate styling.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

1/29/80

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-7568

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Md.

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UPPER WICKWIRE
WEST
~~HAIR~~ ELEVATION
NR EARLEVILLE, MD.

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UPPER WICKWIRE
EAST ELEVATION
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EARLEVILLE, MD.

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UPPER WICKWIRE
NORTHERN VIEW OF BARNS
NR

FARLEVILLE, MD.

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Pond Neck Rd. Earleville
District 1